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In re application of:

MATSUMOTO, A.

Application No.: 09/980,881

Filed: March 28, 2002

For: HUMAN BRAIN  
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Examiner: Sheridan Swope

Art Unit: 1327

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

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Sub C17
2. (Amended) A protein comprising peptidase activity towards brain APP, wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of,  
(a) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are replaced, deleted, inserted, and/or added to the amino acid sequence of
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